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REJUVENATION OF RURAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): the details of the communities throughout the country like potters, blacksmiths rural artisans which are below the poverty line in the country;

(b): the steps taken by the Government to rejuvenate sectors which come under Khadi and Village Industries Commission; and

(c): the industries identified under KVIC throughout the country for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Government in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries does not compile or analyse data/information on estimates of poverty among artisanal communities or any other economic group in India.

(b)&(c): The Government has approved the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI). This Scheme envisages the development, inter alia, of 25 clusters of khadi and 50 clusters of village industries, over five years beginning 2005- 06. The guidelines of SFURTI are available on the website of Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries at http://ari.nic.in. The process of State-wise selection of these clusters has been taken up recently and final selection has not been completed.